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1. [redacted] freighter arrived outside Constanta harbor. At 0700 hours the ship was met by the pilot who was accompanied by an armed escort, and then proceeded into the harbor proper where the following persons came on board: one medical cerpman and a man in civilian clothes. The medic examined the ship's health papers and cleared the vessel; the civilian sealed the ship's radio-telephone. Once it reached its assigned berth the ship was visited by a police squad composed of a captain and six guards, and by a customs inspector. The police inspected the ship from top to bottom and the police officer checked the ship's papers as well as the seaman's books of the crew. Contrary to the usual procedure, the ship's papers were taken ashore for inspection and were returned only when the ship was ready to leave. The customs inspectors checked the ship's stores and placed under seal all binoculars, sextants, cameras and foreign currency. A list of the items sealed was made up in two copies. The customs inspector kept one and the other was given to the ship's master.

2. While in port, [] observed the following vessels:
- a. Four torpedo boats with one smokestack, flying the Rumanian flag. two destroyers countersigned [] the training ship, [] All the vessels were docked in the military zone along Pier No. 1.
 - b. [] freighter docked at Berth No. 7, unloading bagged sugar.
 - c. Motor yacht, flying the Rumanian flag, painted white - two masts - without sails and about 40 meters in length. The yacht, with a civilian crew aboard, was docked at Berth No. 8.
 - d. Rumanian freighter, [] DW about 600 tons, with engines and command bridge located aft, unloading miscellaneous cargo. The freighter was docked at Berth No. 11 and after it departed the same

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berth position was taken up by the Rumanian freighter [] of about 800 tons DW, which unloaded miscellaneous cargo and cases of glassware which were stacked near the Maritime Station.

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e. [] Liberty type freighter docked at berth No. 12 which took on a cargo of cement for the Persian gulf.

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f. Rumanian ship [] formerly a passenger ship now turned into a freighter docked at Berth No. 13 which was taking on fuel directly from a pipeline whose outlet was located on the dock near berth position No. 13. The portion of Pier 4 from Berth 14 to Berth 16 is being repaved. After the freighter [] refueled she was moved to Berth 27 and loaded with lumber []

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3. [] a dredge working near the port entrance was seen sinking at a point 300 meters west of the entrance buoy. Rumors circulating in the port attributed this sinking to the explosion of a mine picked up by the dredge. Salvaging operations were immediately begun but had to be suspended on 16 August because of bad weather.

4. [] ship was in port it was often visited by a person about 35-40 years of age who spoke fluent German, Rumanian and Greek who suggested that the ship's crew make tours of the city and attend sports events at the local stadium. The day before the ship's departure he again came on board to invite the ship's captain to watch the military parade scheduled for 23 August at 1000 hours. The captain was informed that he would have seats on the reviewing stand with all the authorities. The same invitation was probably extended to all foreign ships in port.

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5. During the period [] ship was in port there were many tourists in Constanta. Almost all of them were well dressed. During the same period there seemed to be a relaxation of controls at the port gates. [] all ships were given instructions to hoist their holiday festoons the following day. The order was taken around by one of the harbor pilots escorted by an armed guard. The cost of living in the port remains high. Food, with the exception of fruit and vegetables, seems rather scarce.

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